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Arrivals.

April 1, AVOC, Brit. str., 1,000. Andrews, Shanghai 25th March, General.—P. & O. N. Co.
April 1, PORTLAND, Brit. str., 878, D. Smith, Kobe 22nd March, and Amoy 30th, Rice—RUSSELL & CO.
April 1, ROSTA & NEVE, Span. steamer, 689, Alcaudete, Macao 1st April.—ORDER.
April 1, JEN SANES, Brit. ship, 621, Lefevre, Kowloon 28th March, 570 tons Coal—Ant. HELEN & CO.
April 1, ROSE M., Brit. br., 500, Skelton, Keeling March 23rd, 1,000 tons Coal—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Departures.

April 1, HANLY, str., for Bangkok.
April 1, AJAX, str., for Singapore and London.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE,
April 1st.
Green Jacket for San Francisco.
Courtier for Coochie.

Passengers.

Per AGREE, str., from Shanghai—
Mutua, Piso, Moller, Kiddie, Sa, Forbes, and Laiwan, Madame Davout, 1 European deck and 103 Chinese.
Per Green Jacket, for San Francisco—
419 Chinese.

Reports.

The British steamship *Agree* reports left Shanghai on 28th March at 11.15 a.m., had fine weather throughout; passed the steamship *Patroclus* on the morning of the 31st, off Cupoh Point, and the French mail steamer *Tigre* on the night of the 30th, at 9 a.m., off Chapel Island; passed a Chinese gun-boat off Dousai on the morning of the 30th. On the evening of the 28th, passed a steamer, name unknown, bound North.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong.
(Corrected to Date.)
Yester. Name From Date.
Amelia..... Glasgow, June 8
Warrior..... Glasgow, July 31
New York..... Aug. 3
Tokoh (a)..... New York, Sept. 6
Loochoo (a)..... Sunderland, Jan. 2
Diyah (a)..... London, Jan. 11
Italy (a)..... Liverpool, Jan. 11
Ohio..... Cardiff, Jan. 15
John Shepherd..... London, Jan. 15
Metropolitan..... Liverpool, Jan. 24
Maton..... London, Jan. 27
Veritas..... London, Jan. 27
En-sia (a)..... London, Jan. 31
Ruthinia..... Newhaven, Feb. 8
Nauk (a)..... London, Feb. 8
Quing Se..... London, Feb. 8
Maiden Queen..... London, Feb. 13

Vessels from Ports in China and Japan
Expected in Europe and America.
(Corrected to Date.)
From Hongkong.
Yester. Name For Date Leaving.
Theba..... Hamburg, Nov. 30
Mikado..... Falmouth (a) Dec. 8
Gloria..... London, Dec. 11
Sir Wm. Wallace..... London, Jan. 15
Sir Major..... New York, Jan. 18
R. do..... New York, Jan. 19
Irvine..... New York, Jan. 20
Gemsbok..... New York, Feb. 4

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gentlemen should be punished according to the English penal laws, the latter for some offence to Mr. Swaby, and also for pointing his gun to frighten the police who were calling him to order. In this way the case will be properly terminated on both sides.

SUMMARIES OF HOME NEWS FROM THE LONDON PAPERS.

(Daily Telegraph.)

SATURDAY, 8th February, 1873.

The year 1873 has begun with an extraordinary increase in the value of our exports—which for January were £20,39,547—nearly a million and a half more than in the same month of the year before. The mightiest nation in the world has increased its production of coal, and led to this increase, it should be stated that the total value of the coal exported was little more than the augmentation of the month's general value; while the real increase arising on this commodity was but a trifling fraction.

At Aldershot, yesterday morning, in a meeting described as influential, a deputation was appointed to impress personally on the National Rifle Association the advantages of holding the British Army's trials of Vol. 1000 at the principal station of the British Army—where 20,000 men, through the completeness of the railway arrangements, can easily be sent on the field in a couple of hours. Aldershot is, we believe, the fifth and most novel competitor for the honour of welcoming the citizen soldiers on their annual outing.

True to the curious politics that make it an exception to all the first-class cities of the Empire, Liverpool has again returned a Conservative. The polling, though the contest was very tightly contested, was of course a matter of the ballot. The tenth was decided at a very late hour as follows: Tott, 18,702; Caine, 16,794, giving a majority for the Tory candidate of 1,908.

It is not pleasant hearing in these trying times that the colliers of Durham have received a further advance of 10 per cent, which the employers will probably make an excuse for to their concession to the miners, who are at Huddersfield. Meanwhile, official documents show that the consumption of coal in London is rapidly decreasing, owing probably to the rise in prices. In January, the quantity sent by rail from the provinces was 25,000 tons less than in December, and nearly 30,000 tons less than in the corresponding month last year. The decrease is principally from the South Yorkshire district.

A jury yesterday gave a verdict for 90s. to a plaintiff in a battle of nerve and will, a decision which Mr. Justice Broth, who tried the case, described as obviously inconsistent and wrong. Yesterday, when a rule for a new trial was moved for in the Court of Common Pleas, defendant's counsel made an offer of £200 damages, and the motion stands over for consideration of this proposal.

In the Central Criminal Court, a widow named Jones, who had for many years acted as housekeeper to a wealthy gentleman, Fawcett by name, and had been a member of the household of his son, Mr. Fawcett, the heir of Ealing-bonds worth numerically £250,000. The prisoner, after the death of Sir George Fawcett, took possession of almost all the property he left, consisting chiefly of Russian bonds, but the affair was subsequently inquiries into, and a prosecution opened in the name of the Judge of the Probate Court. For the defence it was argued that most probably the deceased had given the prisoner the property, and that in any event there was no proof to contradict the widow's story, and the result was a verdict of "Not guilty."

At Murielton Police-court a Mr. William Noble, known as a "gentleman," was charged with gross violence towards his wife. The evidence showed that he had made a young lady's nose bleed with a blow on the face, and had also struck his wife—claiming a "perfect right to do so," several times causing the unfortunate woman serious injuries. Mr. Mansfield declined to admit the gentleman's right to bail, and ordered him to the House of Detention for a week, after which his hearing will be continued.

On Monday, 10th February, — Paul May, the survivor of the celebrated Oberammergau tragedy, has been sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment, at Berlin, for forgery and robbery on his employer, fully admitting his guilt, but swearing "neither ashamed nor repentant."

Floriano witnessed an imposing ceremonial on Saturday—when a solemn funeral mass for the late Emperor Napoleon was performed at the Church of Saint Croix. The official assemblage was the most conspicuously representative character ever seen outside the Church. Large bodies of regular troops and Mounted Guards were drawn up, while immense crowds braved the inclement weather to manifest their sympathy.

From Peshawar we have news that foreshadows an unparaleled proscription of the Jesuits in the realm of the Emperor King as that of the King-Emperor. On Saturday at the sitting of the Lower House of the Hungarian Diet, a resolution was carried, energetically abhoring the necessity for expelling the Jesuits from Hungary, was introduced, and ordered to be printed for regular discussion.

Sir Joseph Whitworth, the well-known inventor and manufacturer of rifled artillery, was defendant in a suit in the Court of Queen's Bench, brought by a French officer named Doury, to recover compensation for his services in the sale of a large number of rifled guns to the French Government after the overthrow of the Empire. It appeared from the statement of the plaintiff that the demand for artillery, on which the claim was based, had been obtained by Captain Doury's intervention, as it was stated for Sir Joseph Whitworth that the plaintiff's claim had been resisted through a misconception, and that he would agree to a verdict for £2,000 in the plaintiff's favour, expressing at the same time the assurance that there was not the slightest imputation against him as a man of honour and a gentleman. A verdict for the amount named was therefore returned by the jury.

In the Court of Common Pleas, before Mr. Justice Denman and a jury, the wife of Miss Eliza Elizabeth Emily Foster, who had been twice jilted by Mr. Albert Myers, was visited by the substantial award of £2500 damages. The defendant, engaged in the clothing trade, but entitled to expect a fair independent fortune at his father's death, made no appearance in court personally or by counsel; and the statement of the case put forward by Mr. Justice Denman brought out the heartless conduct of Miss Myers in such a strong light that the jury required only a few minutes to deliberate on their verdict.

Before the Lord Mayor, at Guildhall Police-court, a young man named Richard Law, respectively accused, was fully examined on the charge of uttering to the Civil Service Cooperative Association a cheque for £20, forged by himself. The prisoner had, it appeared, been for two years in the service of the association, and the knowledge of persons and of handwriting which he had gained to account in the imputed offence. It was agreed for the defence that on trial the prisoner would prove that on the day of the alleged utterance the forged cheque was not in London at all; but he was committed, although allowed bail in £200, half being on his own recognisance.

At Marbleton, a young lady, named Emily Butler, who was a dressmaker, was charged with defrauding an ingenious and widespread subscriber from the Metropolitan Railway. The "dodger," as she was called, was taking out a penny ticket when the subscriber had a right ticket homewards from a station to which he had come from the place of booking might be two, three, four, five, and, of course, if detection were avoided between the point of starting and the point at which the original ticket came into force, nothing was ever heard more of the penny ticket—which was but a passport to the platform. Emily Butler, booking from Port-and-boat to Birkbeck street, only while she was a girl, from Edgware road to Latimer road, defrauded the subscriber of a penny; and she was ordered to pay 10s. in consequence, half by way of fine, half as costs.

Another instance of the inefficiency of the New Licensing Act was given in a case tried before Mr. Ingham, at Wandsworth Police-court.

The landlord of a hotel on Clapham-common was summoned for keeping his house open for foreign visitors; but the defence set up that the premises were not supplied with refreshments, and that any whom the landlord intended to receive, when the landlord intended to receive them, tended to that character were sent away.

The magistrate declared that the state of the law was such as to render it impossible for the police to convict any landlord; for it had been held in a recent decision that the duty of proving the travellers not to be *bawds* fell with the police; and that the law was made perfectly *inoperative*. Accordingly, the summons was dismissed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A novelty in gentleman's dress is promised in Boston. The bosom of the shirt is to have a few bars of music printed upon it, in some cases with words. Gentlemen wearing them will stand behind pianos to be sung and played from.

A Parisian laundry requested a Christmas party on the third floor to cease dancing, as many below was dancing. The guests acquiesced, remaining an hour later. "My dear children," she exclaimed, with the most benevolent smile, "you may begin again—he's dead."

It is said the greatest comb' manufactory in the world is in Aberdeen, Scotland. There is a furnace for preparing horn and tortoise-shell comb, and no less than 120 iron arrows are annually produced, the cost of each being £100.

M. Carpeaux has made for the Prince Imperial a wonderfully truthful drawing of the Emperor as he lies in his coffin, and has also been commissioned to execute a bust from the mask taken by Signor Brancaccio.

The late N. P. Willis, when asked to make a speech, replied that it was not his forte. Said he, "I am by profession a writer, and you can not expect a pugil to write well from the hand."

It is singular that the name of God should be spelled in our letters in almost every known language. It is in Latin, Persian, Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, Persian, Syra, Tatarian, Sene, Zoroastrian, Alia, Assyr, Zect; East India, Esq; and Zel; Japanese, Zain; Turkish; Addi; Scandinavian; Old; Wallachian, Sene; Marci; Esco; Swedish; Odic; Irish, Dic; German, Gott; French, Dieu; Spanish, Dio; and Peruvian.

DISINTERESTANTS.—In the Central Chemical Department of Public Health, at Dresden, numerous researches have lately been made to ascertain the comparative value of various disinfecting materials, the chief results of which are given below. The weight of chloride of lime and sulphuric acid, which it will be necessary to use for the most efficient disinfecting substance, is here expressed by 100, while the remaining numbers represent the weight of the other articles as compared with it. An average of 100 is given with each, so that, for instance, 100, 100, 100, represents 100 parts of lime with sulphuric acid, 90; Sulphuric acid with chloride of lime, 84; alum, 80; sulphate of magnesia, 70.7; chloral, 74.0; sulphate of magnesia, 57.1; permanganate of potash with sulphuric acid, 51.3.

CAMBIOS and PICQUES,

suitable for Ladies' Morning Costumes and Wrappers.

WHITE CAMBIOS, JACONETS, MUSLINETS, and BRILLIANTES, LAWNES, GRASS-CLOTHS, and HOLANDES.

ALSO,

A Choice Lot of YAK, CLUNY, MATESE, VALENCIENNES, and other LACES, LACE, MUSLIN, and LENO CURTAINS, MOSQUITO NETS, ANTIQUACASSARS, SHORT BLINDS, and TOILET MUSLINS, FANCY GREENADINES, MUSLINS, and LUSTRES, for Morning and Evening Wear. ALPACAS, MOHAIRS, and other MATERIALS in the newest taste.

CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING, MUSLIN and LACE TIES, TIES, BOWS, COLLARETTES, LACE HANDBERCHIEFS, SUNSHADES, and PARASOLS.

A Selection of ELEGANT SPANISH COMBS and MILLINEY, in the latest Novelties.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

ON LONDON.—Private, 3 months' sight, £100. BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 months' sight, £100. Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, £100 to 4/5. CREDIT.—Bank, at 6 months' sight, £100. DOCUMENTARY.—Bank, 3 months' sight, £100. DOCUMENTARY.—Bank, 3 months' sight, £100.

ON NEW YORK.—Private, 3 months' sight, £100.

ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight, £100.

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight, £100.

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, 3 days' sight, £100.

ON HONGKONG.—Bank, 30 days' sight, £100.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares, 52 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares, £900 per share premium.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares, £1,100 per share premium.

China and Japan Marine Insurance—The 19th month, £1,000 per share premium.

Opposite Insurance Company, £80 per share premium.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares, £300 per share premium.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares, £300 per share premium.

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EXTRACTS.

AFTER THE FIRE.

BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

While far along the eastern sky
I saw the flags of Heaven fly,
As if his forces would assault
The sovereignty of the stony vault,
And hurl him back the burning rain
That scared the sons of the plain.

—*Legend of Solomon*.

The words of Israel's accepted sage—
The riches make them wings, and they
Do as an eagle fly away.

Of vision of that sleepless night,
What line still paints the mocking light
That burned and stained the orient skies
As if the sun had lost his way,
And dawned to make a second day,
Above how red with fiery glow,
How dark to those it wove below!

On roof and wall, on dome and spire,
Flashed the false j-wls of the fin;
Girt with her belt of glittering pangs,
And crowned with saffron-gleaming vances;
Our northern queen in glory shone
With new-born splendours not her own,
And stood, transformed in our eyes,
A victim decked for sacrifice!

The cloud still hovers overhead,
And will the midnight sky is red;
As the lost wanderer strays alone
To seek the place he called his own,
His devous footprints sadly tell
How changed the pathways of the wall;
The scene, how new! The sun how old,
But yet the ashes have grown red;

Again I read the words that come:
Written in the rubric of the flame;
How'er we trust to mortal things,
Each fond heart its folded wings spread,
Their full plumes are never spread;
At last, at last, they strook in flight
And blot the day and blast the night!

Hope, only hope, of all that clings
Around us, never seems to bind;
Love, though he break his earthly chain,
Still keeps his will come again,
But Faith, that soars to seek the sky,
Shall touch each half-fledged son to fly,
And find, beyond the smoke and flame,
The cloudless azure whence they came.

Boston, November 13, 1872.—*January Atlantic*

THE ART OF ALMS.

The way the English poor people are helped, I am told, is the worst. They never teach them what to do in order to help themselves. I made a soup to day for one of my poor friends—yes, borrowed her apron and made it, and want out with her to buy the vegetables first; and I reckon it is better than if I had put a napoleon into her hand. I study every sort of domestic economy—nothing is too little. They wonder where I find all my information, and they laugh at me, but I get them to follow me. I study the market, and make a point of knowing what is cheapest, every time I am going to make my rounds. . . . I never begin by preaching at them. If a woman is a shrewish, lazy, ill-tempered in the midst of her poverty, I feel my way. The first time, I touch upon the fatigue I have myself undergone; the number of stairs I have climbed, et cetera. I put one or two of the chairs in order against the walls, a gentle observation that they are out of place. I reprove the mother through the children; tell them that ill-temper brings wrinkles, and so on. I give a plain frock to one of the girls, together with a lesson on neatness and cleanliness; but I never venture to lecture the mother. No, no; through kindness to the children I make not my friend. One day I find the room scrubbed, and the chairs dusted, and the atmosphere as fresh as it is on the Boulevards. But I make no remark on the change. I go on with my little lessons. The bits of help I bring always give me texts for a hateful word or two, but never for a sermon. But my difficulty is with the men. I fear, Monsieur Pin-Bee, you are mauvais sujet, one and all.—*All the Year Round*.

MR. RESKIN'S PECULIARITIES.

It is one of Ruskin's whimsical notions that modern modes of travel and conveyance by sea and land are the invention of the arch enemy of mankind. To the same malignant source he attributes also every sort of steam-driven machinery. Like our own erratic Thoreau, he disbelieves in modern civilisation, and especially in everything which the world calls "progress." With a sorniness unusual in extremists of this order, he tries to carry his theory into practice. He will never journey by coach or rail, where a horse can carry him, nor by steamboat when he can go by sail vessel. From the little Utopia, which he hoped to build up in England, to be a pattern to the age, and the beginning of a new era, all the abominations of modern invention are to be banished. Steam-engines will give place to the motive powers engined by Heaven from the foundation of the world—wind and water and the muscular force of man and beast. Hand-work shall resume its old supremacy, and labour-saving machines shall be unknown. Mills driven by wind or water shall grind the grain, the scythe and scythe, the horses or oars drawn plough, and the old-fashioned sail shall banish all those inventions which have raised agriculture from a drudgery to a science. If the Utopians have anything to sell, they will take it by the remains of his works at Cesarea. The drafted magnificence of Solomon was restored by Agrippa, the last king. The area within the walls of the present city is calculated by Mr. Bassett, from Ordnance data, to cover 209 acres of ground, of which thirty-five are occupied by the Noble Sanctuary. To this must be added, in order to arrive at the area walled in by Nehemiah, after the return from the first captivity, a space approximately taken at fifty-seven acres, lying between the present southern wall and the ancient fortifications of Ophel and of Sion. The city, thus containing some 260 acres, is described by its re-builder as "great and large," while its inhabitants, enumerated at 49,942, were disproportionately few. By the time of Claudius Caesar, Jerusalem had grown more populous. Its "gradually crept" Josephus informs us, "beyond its old limits, and those parts of it that stood northward of the Temple, and joined that hill to the city, made it considerably larger; and occasioned that hill, which is in number the fourth, to be inhabited also." Around this new city, Beetha, or Cesarea, Agrippa laid the foundations of a magnificient wall, which, on the outburst of the final storm, was raised by the people to the height of more than 30 feet. Its circuit has not yet been accurately traced; but there are distinct indications of its approximate course. Such are the directions of the roads, the remains of megalithic masonry, and the position of the enormous sacrificial ash heaps which are mentioned in the tract *Yoma* of the Talmud as lying to the north of the city wall. The area of Beetha may be taken as 2700 acres, under 3700 acres. The perimeter given by Josephus is 33 stadia. The Roman wall of circumvallation, which began from the camp of the Assyrians, was 39 stadia. The length of a line drawn round the Opel wall discovered by Captain Warren, the southern scarp of the fortification of Sion, discovered by Lieutenant Conder, and the points above indicated coincide very closely with the statements of the historian.

TOO LATE FOR REFLECTION.

A GOOD DUEL.

The following anecdote has been resuscitated as apropos of a case of "too late for reflection."—Lord Mark Kerr, who distinguished himself at the battle of Fontenoy, was a good but eccentric officer, and a terrible duellist. His debut was remarkable. He was a lad of slight, effeminate appearance, apparently void of spirit. His father, the Marquis of Lothian, when he brought him to London to join his regiment (the Coldstream Guards) requested the colonel, who was his particular friend, to watch over him, and see that he submitted to no improper liberties, and to instruct him in the way he should go, in case he should have the misfortune to be insulted. These were the days of hand drink, profane swearing, and brutal manners. This eccentric of nobility soon became the butt at mirth, and a peg to hang practical jokes on, until at a year's standing a captain threw a glass of wine in his face. He still said nothing, but wiped his face with his handkerchief, and took no notice of the insult he had received. The colonel thought it was high time to interfere, and invited him to breakfast *tete-a-tete* on the following morning at nine o'clock. Lord Mark arrived punctually, ate his breakfast with perfect composure, and spoke but little. At length the commanding officer broke ground. "Lord Mark," said he, "I must speak to you on a rather delicate subject, but, as your father's friend, I am compelled to have a private conference. Captain L. recently passed an ultimatum on you, which your honour and the credit of your regiment require you to notice." "What do you think, sir, I ought to do?" inquired Lord Mark. "Call on him for a full explanation," rejoined the colonel. "It is, I fear, too late for that; repeat the young ensign; I shot him at eight this morning, and if you take the trouble to look out of the front window you will see him on a shatter."

JERUSALEM.

(From the *Edinburgh Review*.)

The footsteps of the visitor to Jerusalem, at the present day, will in the first instance most naturally follow the course taken by the Governor Nehemiah, rather more than 2,800 years ago. The book which bears his name (more especially in the third chapter) is to this day the best guide to the ancient topography of the city. The desolation is even more complete than that witnessed in his day, with a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Hence he was believed to dwell, at least, for the 423 years of the first Temple, for if not for the full millennium during which sacrifice was offered on the altar, the shadow of the cloud and the glory of the Shekinah, and to whisper the small still voice of the Bath Col. Hence, again, according to a second group of sacred traditions, to the priest Zacharias, at the Feast of Lights in the 35th year of Herod the Great (when the course of Abia was in attendance), appeared an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. In one of the numerous chambers within that colored wall east the Divine Child, in the midst of the elders of the Sanhedrin, both hearing them and asking them questions. Under the Royal Cloister, creneling the great southern wall, twenty years later, the Son of Mary walked in the winter, at the Feast of the Dedication. Hence, again, in the belief of the present guardians of the Sanctuary, from the very place where Abraham and David, and Solomon had played, the great Arabian prophet took his upward journey, in a vision more momentous to the world than either of those in which Isaiah, Amos, and Ezekiel had been rapt to the same place. No spot so consecrated by sacred legend exists on the surface of the earth.

We have not forgotten that the chief interest of western Europe is excited, not so much by the monuments of the ritual of the Temple as by the shadowy traces of the scenes that surrounded the cradle of Christianity. But a knowledge of the main features of ancient Jerusalem is a necessary preliminary to the formation of any intelligent opinion as to the verity of the monastic sites. We have attempted what no author has yet done. We have pointed out two exact spots to which on a known day, eighteen hundred and seventy-five years since, the Child Jesus was borne by His parents. How Constantine founded his metropolitan cathedral (under the same invocation as that of one of our well known city churches) on a spot as exactly central to the city as Herod as could be selected; how tradition, that could not be disproved, by the term apocryphal, has raised a church or a chapel to localise every recorded event in the Divine Life, and many which have no record but that of the imagination—yet has to be told. A new "Holy City," mouish Jerusalem, sprang up, as if by magic, on the ruins of *Adulis* Capitoline. To this belongs that *consecratio*, which, by an excess of the widest romance of the Talmud, is made to do duty at once for the sepulchre of David, and for the scene of the Last Supper. To this belongs the column of the sounding creak on a mass of debris resulting from the demolition by Titus. To this, the niche self-formed in the wall, that shrank to give shelter to the Madonna, when pressed by the crowd; the house of St. Veronica; the house of Dives; the house of Lazarus; the stone on which Lazarus sat to beg; and the stone which was about to cry when Christ entered Jerusalem, and which went so far as to form a mouth for the purpose. The pool, which was once troubled by an angel was now guarded by a dragon, during whose slumbers the waters sank, to rise and flow upon his awakening. The investigation of these, and of less, or perhaps more, doubtful points, will form a new chapter in the history of Jerusalem; a chapter dated in the 458th year of the Hebrew monachy, by the Chaldeans, and the yet more complete overthrow, 646 years later, by the Romans. The marks of these master calamities, and of the workmanship of the three chief founders and restorers of the city—Solomon, Nehemiah, and Herod—are preserved beneath mounds of accumulated debris, with something of the fidelity of the geological record of the globe. The topographical questions which arise may be divided, in the first instance, into three groups: referring to the history, or to the traditions, of the Jew, the Christian, or the Moslem. The last, where they are not also Jewish, are the most shadowy of the local associations. The second, which refer to the verification of the holy places venerated by the different Christian communions, are those which have hitherto excited the greatest interest in Europe. But to form any idea of the probable authenticity of the monkish sites, we must understand the topography of Jerusalem under the Idumean kings. Of that *Des in Iudea* (Gedera), who refused to wear a golden crown where Christ had worn one of thorns, and of the fate of that shadowy sceptre which, by falling eight times to the spindle, seemed almost to justify the Sali law, that the sites hallowed by the Greek and Latin Churches must be described; but the true features of the medieval Jerusalem can only be laid down on a plan, on which the bounds of the cities of Solomon, of Manasseh, and of the Idumean kings shall have been precisely and accurately traced.

PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings, or Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
of 717 Hongkong, 5th November, 1869.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current rate of premium will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
Agents, 717 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD insurances, viz.—

Not exceeding Ten days 1 per cent. of the annual rate
Not exceeding 1 month 1 per cent.
Above 1 month 1 per cent.
1 to 3 months 1 per cent.
3 to 6 months 1 per cent.
6 to 12 months 1 per cent.
Above 12 months 1 per cent.

Not exceeding 10 days 1 per cent.
Not exceeding 1 month 1 per cent.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months 1 per cent.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months 1 per cent.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.

GIBR, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company, of 717 Hongkong, 13th August, 1869.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

In conformity with the Special Resolutions adopted and confirmed at the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders held on the 23rd March and 1st April, 1861, altering Clauses Nos. 129, 131, 132, and 133 of the Articles of Association, (which changes to take effect from 1st November, 1861), the Net Profits of the Company will, from that date, be distributed as follows, viz.—

Two-thirds (2/3) to all contributors, whether shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of premium contributed by each.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO.,
General Agents, of 314 Hongkong, 16th February, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

In conformity with the Special Resolutions adopted and confirmed at the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders held on the 23rd March and 1st April, 1861, altering Clauses Nos. 103, 104, 105, 107, and 161 of the Articles of Association, (which changes to take effect from 1st January, 1872), the Net Profits of the Company will, from that date, be distributed as follows, viz.—

Two-thirds (2/3) to all contributors, whether shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of premium contributed by each.

One-third (1/3) to be carried to the Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & CO.,
General Agents, of 718 Hongkong, 17th April, 1872.

INSURANCES.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

of 1858 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are now prepared to grant Policies on behalf of the above Company, Policies for First-class Buildings, and other Vessels on Navigable Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

of 1858 Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE annual rates for Fire Insurances on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice:

Detached and semi-detached 1 per cent.

Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents 1 per cent.

Other dwellings (houses similarly situated) 1 per cent.

Offices, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents 1 per cent.

Other Risks by Special arrangement.

The following rates will be charged for

SHEDS, BARRACKS, &c.

DETACHED & SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS.

DETACHED DWELLINGS.</